

Subject: Cultivating, Cajun, Coffee: Four Events of Interest Tonight and Tomorrow
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Hello Honors Students,

Just a few reminders on events coming up tonight and tomorrow:

Living in the Truth of Cajun History: Re-making Citizens and Society through Public History in Louisiana on Thursday October 10 at 5:30pm in UAC 209

Prior to the 1970s, public authorities of all kinds viewed Cajuns as problematic whites who needed to “modernize” and forget their past. Representations of the Cajun people at historical and commemorative sites were thus few and far between. Since then, however, the number of sites and spectacles that feature their history and heritage has exploded across the southern part of the state. Using the late theorizing of Michel Foucault as a lens, **Dr. Marc David** describes the conditions that led to the sudden rise of an “official” Acadian public history and explores how this new historical narrative serves the diverse and overlapping interests of both public officials and everyday citizens of Cajun ancestry. Attendees will gain a greater appreciation of the cultural complexity and diversity in southern Louisiana as well as a deeper understanding of how public institutions govern by forging ethnic and cultural identities and how we, in turn, assimilate these identities into our own lives. Dr. Marc David’s talk will be followed by a Q&A with the audience. All students, faculty, staff, and members of the Texas State community are welcome to attend. Please contact rmh109@txstate.edu for more information.

Truth in Transit: Cultivating a Walkable, Bikeable, and Inclusive San Marcos on Thursday, October 10 at 6pm in the Honors College Coffee Forum (LAMP 407)

For many people, transportation is just a way to get from A to B — usually by car. But decades of research shows that, if we design our streets to prioritize walking, biking, and public transit, we can improve public health, make our economy stronger, and build a more inclusive and vibrant community. How might Central Texas and San Marcos become leaders in the state by creating an urban and suburban streetscape that encourages more walking and biking? What opportunities (and obstacles) shape current policy? And how can students, faculty, and local residents collaborate to make this achievable future a reality?

Join us for a live podcast event featuring special guest panelists:

- **Dr. Joca Marquez**, San Marcos City Council, Place 5
- **Alex Vogt**, coordinator of Alternative Transportation, Texas State
- **Dr. Billy Fields**, associate professor, Political Science
- **Andrea Villalobos**, city planner for San Marcos, Texas State Honors graduate, and bicycle commuter

Audience Q&A will follow an introductory discussion, and a light reception will conclude the evening. The event will be recorded by KTSW, and the panel discussion and Q&A will be moderated by Nicholas Williams, Texas State Honors student and producer for KTSW. Please contact petert@txstate.edu for more information.

Roads to Research Grad Coffee Chat on Friday, October 11 at 10am in LAMP 407B

Outstanding Texas State graduate students share their research paths and graduate school experiences with undergraduate students in a casual conversation. The speakers will represent fields in the College of Applied Arts. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact ugresearch@txstate.edu for more information.

Meet & Greet Lunch with Dr. Marc David on Friday, October 11 at 11:30am in the Multicultural Lounge (Lampasas 500)

Enjoy a casual lunch and conversation with Dr. Marc David. Please contact rmh109@txstate.edu for more information.

Until Next Time,

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